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TO: Members of the Rockefeller Community

A memorial service will be held at the University on Friday, February 19th at 10 A.M. in Caspary Auditorium in honor of Philip Levine, one of the world's foremost immunohematologists, who died on October 18 at the age of 87.

Dr. Levine was associated with this institution from 1925 to 1932, where he participated with Nobel laureate Karl Landsteiner in research that led to the discovery of the Rh factor in blood. He went on to identify and describe Rh disease in newborn infants, work that made possible the development of preventive treatment that has saved the lives of many thousands of children born to Rh-negative mothers.

Dr. Levine spent many years at the Ortho Research Foundation, in Raritan, New Jersey, where the Blood Consultation Service he headed -- later renamed the Philip Levine Laboratories -- became an international center for research, diagnosis, and training. In the later years of his life, he was involved in cancer research as a Visiting Investigator at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He had pursued important observations on the relationship between changes in cellular expression of blood group factors and tumorigenesis.

Throughout his career, Philip Levine remained a staunch friend of this University. We mourn his loss.

Joshua Lederberg

An exhibit, "Remembering Philip Levine," will be on display in the Library from February 18 to March 11.

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